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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2018-OS-0085]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number, and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Grants Policy Manager, ATTN: Barbara Orlando, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311 or call Barbara Orlando at (571) 372-6413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

TITLE; ASSOCIATED FORM; AND OMB NUMBER: Research Progress Production Report (RPPR); OMB Control Number 0704-0527.

NEEDS AND USES: The information collection requirement is necessary to: (a) monitor Federal awards and ensure compliance with applicable terms and conditions of award regulations, policies, and procedures; (b) evaluate progress/completion in accordance with goals, aims, and objectives set forth in competing applications and to determine if the grantee satisfactorily met the objectives of the program; (c) evaluate grantee plans for the next budget period and any significant changes; (d) manage scientific programs; (e) plan future scientific initiatives; (f) determine funding for the next budget segment; (g) identify any publications, inventions, property disposition, and other required elements to close out the grant in a timely manner; and (f) complete reports to Congress, the public, and other Federal agencies.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Business or other for profit; not-for-profit institutions; and state, local, or tribal government.

ANNUAL BURDEN HOURS: 24,000.

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 2,000.

RESPONSES PER RESPONDENT: 2.

ANNUAL RESPONSES: 4,000.

AVERAGE BURDEN PER RESPONSE: 6 hours.

FREQUENCY: Semi-annually.

Dated: October 22, 2018.

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Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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